

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 16, 2000

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESALE
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY CITIZENS
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF THE
VOLUNTEER STATE, L.L.C. AND UNIVERSAL
TELECOM, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

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DOCKET NO. 99-00920

ORDER APPROVING RESALE AGREEMENT

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition of Citizens Communications Company of the Volunteer State, L.L.C. for approval of a Resale Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between Citizens Communications Company of the Volunteer State, L.L.C. and Universal Telecom, Inc. The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

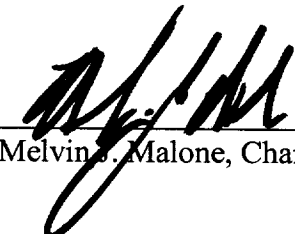
The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 25, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Melvin J. Malone, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Sara Kyle. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the Citizens Communications Company of the Volunteer State, L.L.C. service area;

- 2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;
- 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) The approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders; and
- 5) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


The Resale Agreement negotiated by and between Citizens Communications Company of the Volunteer State, L.L.C. and Universal Telecom, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.



Melvin S. Malone, Chairman




Hollyn Greer, Jr., Director



Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary